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SUBJECT: MRS. MARCOS' VISIT TO MEXICO AND MEXICAN OIL

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1. PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR LEON MARIA GUERRERO TOLD ME THAT DURING MRS. MARCOS' VISIT SHE AND HER DELEGATION HAD ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN OIL AT CONCESSIONAL PRICES FROM THE MEXICANS. THE LATTER REFUSED TO DO THIS BUT DID GUARANTEE ACCESS TO MEXICAN OIL AT MARKET PRICES. THE MEXICAN OFFICIALS TOLD THE PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR INFORMALLY THAT ONE OF THE REASONS THEY REFUSED TO GIVE CONCESSIONAL PRICES WAS FEAR THAT "THE PHILIPPINES MIGHT BE SERVING AS A STALKING HORSE FOR U.S. INTERESTS."

2. THE PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR OBSERVED THAT MRS. MARCOS HAD STRUCK IT OFF VERY WELL WITH MRS. ECHEVERRIA, BOTH BEING THE "SAME TYPE," WHICH, ON BEING PRESSED, HE DESCRIBED
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WOMEN WITH THE "SAME TYPES OF HUSBANDS."

3. IN A CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE LOPEZ PORTILLA YESTERDAY, HE REAFFIRMED TO U.S. AMBASSADOR THAT MEXICAN OIL WOULD IN ALL CASES BE SOLD AT MARKET PRICES. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER MEXICO WOULD HELP SMALLER, POORER UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THOSE IN CENTRAL AMERICA, LOPEZ PORTILLA SAID IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE AWAY PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WHEN HE WAS ASKING MEXICAN PEOPLE TO PAY EQUIVALENT OF MARKET PRICES. HE COULD HELP THEM, HOWEVER, BY ASSURING THEM A ACCESS TO MEXICAN OIL AS HAD BEEN DONE IN THE CASE OF THE PHILIPPINES. JOVA

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